

REMARKS

I. Examiner's Interview.

On February 8, 2008, the undersigned attorney conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner L. Royds, to discuss an Amendment that would be entered and would put the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended during the interview. The Examiner indicated that she would enter an Amendment that amended claim 1 to call for a method of treating urinary incontinence with the combination of 3-(2-methylthiazol-4-yl)ethynylpyridine (MTEP) and an antimuscarinic, and amended or cancelled the remaining claims to be consonant with the amended version of claim 1. The Examiner further indicated that claims amended in this fashion would be allowable, subject to an updated search. The present Amendment is believed to amend the claims as agreed upon with the Examiner.

II. Status of the Claims.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 11-18, 20 and 28-30 are pending.

Claim 1 has been amended without prejudice or disclaimer to incorporate the limitations recited in former dependent claims 19 and 42 and further to limit the recited indication to urinary incontinence. Support for the amendment is found in the specification at, e.g., page 7, lines 6-8, page 22, lines 7-8, page 27, line 24, page 29, lines 11-13, page 50, lines 14-16 and original claims 1, 8, 19 and 42. It is noted that the specification at, e.g., page 50, lines 11 and 14-16 and original claim 8 uses the term "incontinence." It is self-evident that, within the instant context of neuromuscular dysfunction of the lower urinary tract, "incontinence" is synonymous with "urinary incontinence," as recited in claim 1. "Urinary incontinence" includes, for example and without limitation, stress incontinence, urgency incontinence and enuresis incontinence. See Specification at page 50, lines 14-16.

Claims 9, 10, 21-27, 31-40 and 43-58 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, subsequent to their withdrawal from examination by the Examiner as being directed to non-elected subject matter. The remaining claims have been amended or cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, to be consonant with the amendment of claim 1. Applicants reserve the

right to pursue all subject matter deleted by amendment or cancellation of claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional application.

By this Amendment, no new matter has been added to the application.

III. Conclusion.

The present Amendment is believed to adopt amendments that the Examiner indicated would be entered and that, subject to an updated search, would put the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the Amendment and allow the application, accordingly.

If the Examiner believes there are additional issues that could be resolved by an interview or by entry of an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

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